



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Swimming Against the Tide (Marshmallows Pt II)

Last week I introduced a new book, [*Say Yes to No*](#) by Dr. David Walsh. His basic thesis is that we need to help our children develop the important character traits of self-discipline and self-control by using the word “no” from time to time. If our children are always getting what they want instantly, they will not develop the patience, perseverance, and commitment needed to become successful when life gets tough. Walsh states in the book, “If our kids can’t delay gratification, rein in their drive for pleasure, handle setbacks, put other people’s needs on par with their own, and manage their emotions, they reduce the likelihood of creating a happy, productive life for themselves” (pg 36).

Part of the problem is that our Western culture has become obsessed with instant gratification. Adults are having a harder time saying no to their kids today because we are swimming in a “Yes” culture where “No” has become a four letter word. A big part of the “Yes” culture has come from the fact that our kids spend more time learning about life through electronic media than any other activity. As we saw a couple weeks ago most Western children spend more time watching TV than they do in school. Unfortunately what comes along with the electronic media is a constant barrage of advertising which is telling children that they need something more and that they need it now. There are three overriding themes that are pushed by the “Yes” culture of today: **More, Fast, and Easy/Fun** (pg 30). It is not hard to find statistics that show the effect that this is having on our children.

- Children today spend 500% more than their parents did at the same age - and yes that is adjusted for inflation. (pg 16)
- The average college student today has four credit cards and more than three thousand dollars in credit card debt. (pg 16)

So what does all this mean? Do we purposefully make it hard on our children by always saying no to them? Of course not, but if all our children are ever hearing is yes we may be doing them an incredible injustice. It is definitely harder for parents to say no today and if it seems like you are swimming against the tide when you try to teach your children self-control and self-discipline, it’s because you are. But don’t give up and give in to the culture because even though it may be very hard at times your willingness to occasionally say no at appropriate times will give your children the tools needed to become successful in this ever-changing and challenging world.

Next week I would like to flesh this out a little bit more by talking about a specific way that “no” can have a dramatic impact on how well our children learn at school – sleep.

Have a great weekend,

[Karl Steinkamp](#)

Director

Walsh, D (2007). *Say Yes to No*. New York: Free Press.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



**Dalat High School
Parent – Teacher Conferences
Tuesday, October 30th
7:00 – 9:00pm
Location: Chapel**

Parents, please remember to come to the Parent – Teacher Conference this coming Tuesday night. You need not make any prior arrangements to the meeting, just show up at the chapel at 7:00pm. This is a chance for you to get to know your child's teacher and to discuss any issues, concerns, or ideas you might have regarding your child's education at Dalat.

[Fred Colburn](#)

High School Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



**DALAT MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENT – TEACHER CONFERENCES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
6:00 – 8:00PM
LOCATION: ROOM 19 & 20**

Parents, please remember to come to the Parent – Teacher Conference this coming Tuesday night. These will be held in the middle school classrooms 19 and 20 from 6-8pm. This is a chance for you to get to know your child's teacher and to discuss any issues, concerns, or ideas you might have regarding your child's education at Dalat. No appointment necessary. Just come and talk for a while.

[Brian Brewster](#)

Preschool-Gr 8 Principal

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Elementary Costume Parade

(Pre3-Grade 4)

Friday, Nov. 2nd 8:30-9:00

Come to school dressed in your favorite costume (no scary outfits please). Bring your Dalat uniform to change into afterwards. Parents are welcome to attend and take pictures. See you there!



[Brian Brewster](#)

Preschool-Gr 8 Principal

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Dalat Students are Top Rate!

I want to continue to draw your attention to the **Results 2007** booklet that was sent to all Dalat parents the last few weeks. Have you seen how well Dalat students did in national tests last school year? We have a lot to brag about!

Elementary and Middle School students in Grades 1 through 9 did remarkably well compared to US schools worldwide. Compared to other Private Schools (which is what Dalat is most like) Dalat International School scored in the **72nd percentile** (which means Dalat scored better than 72% of all other Private Schools in the US); and compared to National Schools (all schools) Dalat scored an incredible **97th percentile!**



The Dalat Class of 2007 had great results on the SAT (the US national college entrance exam) with an average total score of 1652 compared to the US average of 1518. **That is almost 150 points and 10% above the US average!**

Clearly Dalat is doing a great job in preparing our children for their future. Thank you teachers, staff and parents for your part in these great results!

[Larry Chinn](#)

Director of Development

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 28th Oct

6.30pm - Community Praise & Worship in the Chapel

Tuesday, 30th Oct

YEARBOOK PICTURE DAY

6pm – 8pm MS Parent / Teacher
Conference in the Room 19 & 20
7pm – 9pm HS Parent / Teacher
Conference in the Chapel

Wednesday, 31st Oct

6.30pm Prayer Meeting

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Monday	Beefy Beef Spirals, Corn, Asian Noodles Sandwich Bar - PB&J, Fried Rice Salad Bar, Ice Cream, Milk/Milo
Tuesday	Pork Tenderloin with Roasted Potatoes, Peas Sandwich Bar - Tuna Salad and PB&J Salad Bar, Fruit, Juice
Wednesday	Chicken Noodle Soup, Homemade Rolls, Asian Noodles Sandwich Bar - Chicken Salad and PB&J Salad Bar, Fruit, Milk/Milo
Thursday	Pepper Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Vegetables Sandwich Bar: Ham & Cheese and PB&J Salad Bar, Fruit, Juice
Friday	Chicken Cashew, White Rice, Veggies Sandwich Bar: Egg Salad and PB&J Salad Bar, Fruit, Milk/Milo

PTO

INTERNATIONAL FOOD "TAKE AWAY" DAY - Nov 2nd 2007

The PTO is going to have a new kind of Food Fair this semester. Due to the persistent rainy weather, we will be packing all the food in take away containers, so you have the option of enjoying the food in the comforts of your dry home.

Event: **International Food "Take Away" Day**

Date: **Friday, November 2, 2007**

Venue: **Student center**

Time: **3:00 - 5:00 pm**

Proceeds from this event will be used to sponsor some pool furniture for the DALAT swimming pool

[The PTO](#)

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Varsity Soccer ISKL Tourney: Once again I had the privilege of traveling deep into the land of the Twin Towers & beyond with our Boys, Girls & some other adults who coach our kids for us. Corinne & I are very happy with the season finish of our relatively new & younger squad as they sailed through the round robin undefeated. We had a nice close match with the host ISKL girls but eventually took them 5-4. The younger #2 team from

Alice Smith proved no match & our girls, led by Margaret Stebbins, handed them a 4-0 defeat. A series of unfortunate weather events, specifically in the lightning department, meant that Alice Smith School eventually needed to forfeit the Championship game so Dalat won its 1st ever international girls soccer tourney.

The boys had some excellent matches but were unable to secure a victory in the tourney.

Thanks to my co-coach **Corinne Rogers**, plus boys coaches **Michael Holden** & **Brian Merusi** for giving up their weekend and “days off” to be with our young athletes. I am sure the athletes & their parents really do appreciate it! I know I do!

MS Girls & Boys Soccer: As October draws to a close, Uplands visited us this past Thursday for a 7/side game primarily aimed at giving them some play prior to their FOBISSEA trip to Phuket later this month. Rainy day results saw our girls battle to a 3-3 draw in the 1st of the Dalat double header. 2nd match saw our boys hold nothing back enroute to a 8-0 lesson for our visitors. Well done folks & this concludes our MS soccer season for this semester. Thanks very much to the **Stutzman family, Ben & Liebe**, & also **Wendi Maze** for the hours they volunteered this year. ☺

Dalat Basketball Tourney

HS Girls – 7 teams confirmed: Alice Smith; Garden; ISKL; Uplands; PCGHS, Bukit Mertajam & Dalat.

HS Boys – 8 teams confirmed: Alice Smith; Garden; Uplands; ISKL; Georgetown; Heng Ee; St. Xavier & Dalat.

2nd Sports Season: began this week. Students met their coaches & began practicing. Hopefully your interested child has registered for a team of some sort.

Alumni Fund – Larry Chin has allocated some Alumni Fund money toward the PE Dept so we have purchased 2 new sets of Basketball Jerseys to be used primarily for the HS Boys but the nice thing is that any of the senior teams can use them. We are also in the final stages of another addition to the gym walls but I will wait & let you see it for yourself when it is complete. Thanks to the Alumni Fund for this special & worthwhile opportunity!

That’s all for this week folks...See you in November!

[Gerry Steiert](#)

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Praise & Worship
Sunday, 28 October @ 6:30



Light in the darkness...

For the next few days, people all over the world will be celebrating darkness. For many, Halloween is just a kids' celebration of candy and costumes. But for others it takes on a deeper, more destructive tone, exemplified in horror movies and mock (or real) Satanic rituals.

Over 2000 years ago, Jesus brought light to a darkened world and promised the power to overcome evil. This Sunday evening, we will meet in the Chapel to celebrate this power and light. While others celebrate darkness, let's glorify the One who shines His light into the world.

The entire Dalat community is invited to join the Dalat Ambassadors for an hour of Praise & Worship on Sunday evening, October 28, at 6:30 PM in the Chapel.

*"The light shines in the darkness,
but the darkness has not understood it."*

--John 1:5--



NOTE: The Dalat Ambassadors Worship Team will be leading worship at St. George's Anglican Church, downtown Georgetown, on Sunday, November 11, at 10:30 AM. Visitors are welcome to attend St. George's that day!

CHARITY AND COMPASSION

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Saturday, Oct. 27th we will be going to Tesco to purchase food for our 4 adopted families in Penang and 2 families in Sungei Petani.

Saturday, Nov 3rd, is the St Nicholas Home, White Cane Day from 8:00am to 12:30pm.

Saturday, Nov. 10th will have the presentation of van to Chrystal Home in Taiping.

Stay tuned for upcoming C & C Christmas projects!

We are still accepting cash, food, household items and clothing. You can drop off donations at the C & C office located to the left of the guard house when you come on campus.

If you would like to help out either financially or physically please contact

Beth Steiert bsteiert@dalat.org 012 430 2231

Where Charity & Love exist, God is there.

Thank you for your donation

MOVIE REVIEWS

Entertainment is a big part of our student's lives. Making sure the entertainment is safe is a big job. Every week movies are reviewed by Dalat Staff to let students and parents know what, according to our school's values, is appropriate entertainment and what should be avoided. These reviews are to be used only as a guide for your entertainment. Keep in mind that some are appropriate for older age groups but because of certain intense situations may not be appropriate for younger viewers. I have included the US Rating as well as the Malaysian Rating. I use the website *Christian Spotlight on Entertainment* for input on reviews.

October 27, 2006

Movie	Rating
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Appropriate

Open Season

US-PG, MY-U

Cartoon for kids but has rude humor, mild action and brief rude language

Stormbreaker

US-PG, MY-U

Good teenage movie. Sequences of action violence and some peril

World Trade Center

US-PG13, MY-U

Great movie! Intense and emotional content, some disturbing images and language

Not Appropriate

The Covenant	US-PG13, MY-U
Violence and action, disturbing images, sexual content, witchcraft and bad language	
The Departed	US-R, MY-U
Strong brutal violence, bad language, strong sexual content and drug material	
John Tucker Must Die	US-PG13, MY-U
Sexual content and language. Message is “teen sex is OK and normal, lying is not”	
The Prestige	US-PG13, MY-18PL
Violence and disturbing images	
Talladega Nights	US-PG13, MY-U
Crude and sexual humor, language, inappropriate relationships and situations	

Larry Chinn
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Year Book Pictures



Just a quick note to parents of ES and MS students – please be aware that the Dalat yearbook staff (journalism students) will be taking student year book pictures next Tuesday. These pictures are used in the year book and are different then the ones taken at the beginning of the year.

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